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KNIGHTS

Of Columbus Make Patriotism the Keynote of Council Banquet.

Catholics' Loyalty to Flag Eulogized by Very Rev. Father Crowley.

Present War a Death Knell to Wave of Bigotry Which Has Been Rampant.

BIG ATTENDANCE AT BANQUET

Patriotism was the keynote of the banquet given by the local Knights of Columbus last Sunday evening at the Tyler Hotel, the banquet following the initiation of a class of sixty candidates. About 450 were present and enthusiasm was manifested by those present at the mention of President Wilson's name or of the Catholics' loyalty to the American flag. Joseph A. Pucelino, State Local Prior of the Tyler Hotel, acted as toastmaster and in his opening remarks told that, while he sympathized with Germany previous to the entrance of the United States into the war, there is no longer any question as to where he or any good American citizen should stand. He said, though his ancestors were German, he and his kind will be found backing up the President and lending every aid to the country in waging an aggressive and successful war.

The blessing was said by Rev. J. P. O'Mahoney, Chaplain of the council, and the first speaker was Very Rev. T. L. Crowley, O. P., Prior of the Tyler Hotel, and of the church. Father Crowley said: "There were sixty young men who joined the order this afternoon, and it will be a correct gauge of the feelings of the entire membership of the order in the country to judge by the feelings of these boys this afternoon. Every one of them no doubt will do his service at the firing line with the same grim determination, the same devotion that has characterized soldiers of their religion in wars of the past. "Members of this order," he said, "like others who are good followers of the teachings of their church, know that the church teaches, first and foremost, a staunch love of country. The Supreme Knight of this order not only has said, but President Wilson, the entire membership of this order was willing to do what each individual could in aiding the United States in its hour of need. His offer was immediately accepted. This compliment hardly needs an explanation. "M. J. Hennessy, Commonwealth's Attorney of Augusta, the next speaker, laid particular stress in his talk of the death knell of bigotry that the present war has sounded. "Since time immemorial," he said, "bigotry has run rampant in this country, as well as in the Old World. The present state of affairs will forever end the work of the bigots who have tried to poison the minds of the public. The eyes of all the world now are centered upon the time when the Star Spangled Banner shall float over the battle trenches in France. And when that time comes you will find fighting under its folds, and shoulder to shoulder, Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile, all taking a common feeling of religious feeling will be missing in the minds of those boys fighting for America."

Bigotry, said Mr. Hennessy, neither defiles nor corrodes a noble mind. Illustrating, he said, that a little while ago, during the fighting in France, a Catholic priest was mortally wounded while on "his mission of mercy" among the dead and dying on the field. "The first man to reach his side when he fell," he continued, "was a Jewish Rabbi, who reverently lifted to the lips of the dying priest the cross of the Nazarene."

The Rev. Edwin Rowan, of the fashionable order, in a talk on "The Church and Society," and an address on "Your Council and Mine," by Camden R. Mcatee, closed post-prandial activities.

The degree team, consisting of Judge Justin McCarthy, Bernard Coons and M. J. Coffey, of Chicago, who came to Louisville to deliver the degree to the candidates, also were honor guests at the banquet.

The banquet was in charge of the following Entertainment Committee: George H. Naber, Chairman; Edward Etheridge, C. A. Decker, Thomas D. Cline, Raymond Barrett and Thomas W. Tarry.

The following list of candidates were initiated in the afternoon: John J. Barry, L. D. Bax, Jr., Edward T. Bright, William B. Campbell, Ben Chappeo, Joseph E. Conkling, Paul Doherty, William B. Doherty, Arthur D. Finnegan, James F. Fitzpatrick, Joseph W. Fowler, Frank H. Alexander, Charles L. Grant, Edward Greenwald, Jacob Haller, J. W. Heskamp, Edward W. Hinkle, George H. Huber, James C. Hyland, A. T. Kaiser, John T. Kenney, Charles A. Kirn, Edward D. Krebs, Leo A. Krebs, Clifford Lee, John L. Lee, John S. Lovett, George M. Lyons, John Lynch, Robert G. McQuile, James G. O'Brien, Rev. Martin O'Connor, William J. O'Connor, William L. Palmer, Joseph E. Piazza, Dell J. Russell, Leo F. Schaffner, John M. Schmitt, Herman J. Shook, Louis I. Schranz, John G. Steinmetz, Richard J. Sweeney, George A. Timmel, William C. Vance, Henry

A. Wunderlich, Leo H. Weber, P. J. Welsh, John J. Burke, Nicholas Conte, A. B. Dreisbach, Elbridge J. Gordon, Walter J. Naber and Clarence J. Redmon.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.
The annual meeting of the Knights of St. John was held last Sunday in Jeffersonville, there being three sessions. Delegates were present from all over the State, and reports showed the order in excellent condition. In the afternoon there was an imposing street parade, in which the Louisville and New Albany Commanderies took part. Each company carried a large United States flag and the marchers also displayed the colors. Millhausen was selected as the place for the 1918 meeting.



FATHER FRANCIS FELTEN.
New Pastor at St. Martin's.
WELCOME TO KENTUCKY.

Mrs. Mary McWhorter, of Chicago, National President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, will visit Louisville for the first time next Tuesday and Wednesday. The local auxiliary, of which Mrs. Dan Dougherty is President, has arranged to give her a real Kentucky welcome, which will open with an informal reception and literary entertainment for members of the Hibernian Home, 1818 Portland avenue, next Tuesday evening. The home will be tastefully decorated in green and gold and red and white and blue, and a dainty luncheon will be served. Hibernians have tendered their own members a trip over the city and visit to schools and academies in the interest of Irish history.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. McWhorter will be honor guest at a public reception and literary entertainment in St. Patrick's Hall, Sixteenth and Market, when addresses will be delivered by Very Rev. James P. Cronin, V. G., County Chaplain; Very Rev. T. L. Crowley, O. P., Chaplain of Division 4, and the National President, Mrs. McWhorter has a national reputation as a speaker and has traveled all over the United States in the interest of Irish history. Born in Ireland, she has natural Irish wit and a very pleasing manner, and all are certain to enjoy her visit. While here Mrs. McWhorter will be tendered a banquet by the auxiliary. On the reception committee are Miss Fanny Kennedy, Past State President; Miss Bertha King, State Secretary; Miss Mary Corcoran, County President; Mrs. D. J. Dougherty, President; Miss Margaret Hourigan, Secretary; Misses M. Donahue, Lily Callahan and B. Ballman, Mrs. J. Waterman and Mrs. M. Sheehan. Visitors are expected from all the auxiliaries and divisions in this section of the country.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
A lively and interesting meeting of the Central Committee, Catholic Knights of America, was held in St. John's Hall, President William Cushing occupied the chair and the routine business was quickly transacted. The Laws Committee had not completed its work, but will report at the June meeting. Major Gen. Michael Reichert read a synopsis of the reports submitted at the Executive Committee meeting at St. Louis, which showed a net increase of 600 members during the past six months. Announcement was made of the coming visit of the Supreme President, Dr. Felix Gaudin, of New Orleans, and Supreme Trustee Michael Quinn, of Brooklyn, and the Entertainment Committee was instructed to co-operate with the Catholic Knights Social Club and President Fleck, whose guests they will be. It is hoped that the ladies' branch can be instituted while they are here. Sunday night President Gaudin will deliver his most interesting illustrated lecture at St. Martin's Hall, and the Catholic public will be welcome without any admission fee.

MACKIN COUNCIL.
Considering the interest shown at the meeting Monday evening, preparations for the summer outings are moving along in a lively fashion at Mackin Council. A special committee of fifteen young men, who are the most lively and ardent workers in the council, was appointed by President Hubbert to make these outings the most enjoyable ever held. The members were very much pleased to hear of the promotion of the Rev. Father Felten, the worthy chaplain in the council, to St. Martin's church, and forwarded a letter of congratulations to him. Robert T. Burke, Grand President of the Y. M. C. in the Atlantic jurisdiction, spoke in regard to the formation of Catholic young men's associations in the cities throughout the country. There was a good attendance, which it is hoped will continue.

EXIGENCIES

Arising From the War Between the United States and Germany.

Resolutions Adopted by Executive Board of the Central Verein.

Meeting Considers Problems Arising From the State of War.

WHAT DUTY DEMANDS OF ALL

The Executive Board of the German Catholic Central Verein met in St. Louis to consider the extraordinary exigencies arising from the war between our country and Germany. The following resolutions adopted by the meeting are a new proof of the splendid service this veteran organization is doing for the cause of organized Catholic effort in the United States.

Love of one's country is natural to man; ennobled and fostered by the spirit of Christianity. It produces the fairest fruits. We acknowledge our duty of obedience to properly constituted authority by subscribing to the sentiments of the apostle which he voices when he says: "Let every soul be subject to higher power; for there is no power but from God and those that are ordained by God. Therefore he that resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God. And they that resist purchase to themselves damnation." Therefore, we are subject of necessity not only for earth, but also for conscience' sake."

Taught by the church, this sentiment has been firmly interwoven into the fibre of our ideals. We know therefore what duty demands of us, what we owe to our country, the United States, and we are ready to act accordingly.

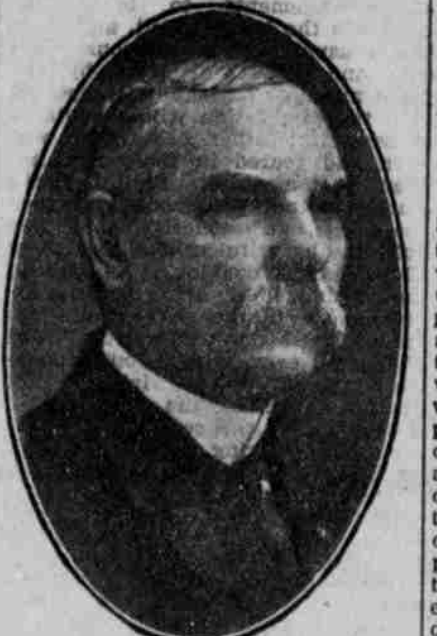
Founded sixty-two years ago, the Central Verein, constituted today from more than 1,700 charitable, benevolent and fraternal societies, has ever been mindful of the inter-connections, and its aim has always been to further the public weal by all means at its command. The present crisis demands of us extraordinary efforts. Times of war test not only the physical but still more the moral fibre of a nation. They test the people's sense of social duty and its faculty for organized effort. It becomes therefore our duty to increase and intensify all of those activities heretofore carried on, which may tend to assist and strengthen the moral, physical and material preparedness of our country; to initiate such new endeavors as may seem necessary. We must not remain indifferent or inactive, we must demonstrate to our people how to meet the difficulties arising from the war, instruction and organization, ever the watchword of the Central Verein, must be insisted upon even more than formerly.

Only a morally sound and strong people will stand the test of war and successfully bear its consequences. From its very beginning the Central Verein has striven to foster morality, thrift, domesticity and the other virtues, without which a nation can prosper neither in peace nor at war. We must now devise means and methods for inculcating and strengthening these same virtues even more, with a view to their relation to the problems arising from the times of war. The scarcity of food may be overcome to a degree by the practice of Christian virtues and by inculcating the principles of solidarity. More so than ever the purity and strength of youth must be safeguarded. Above all those who are called to arms must be offered protection against the attacks of their most insidious foe, moral ruin; we must secure for them proper means to meet dangers from this source. Remedies must be found for the poverty and misery which will surely overtake some of our people, once the war levies its toll from our midst. Our activity, however, must not cease with these and kindred measures. Within late years the work of the Central Verein in the field of social endeavor has been carried on successfully. To those already existing the war will add many other problems affecting the farmer, the laborer, the merchant, in short all classes of society. Till all such and reach of these problems we cannot as yet foresee.

Still more than in the past, it must therefore be the concern of the Central Verein to engage in sound and constructive legislation. Our leagues and societies should co-operate with municipal, State and national authorities in leading our people to a better comprehension of modern needs and in an endeavor to solve the difficulties of our times, the Central Verein should be able to act as leader and adviser to the Catholics of German descent, and to be in a position to labor in the interests of public welfare to the fullest extent, all leagues and societies affiliated with the Central Verein should as usual hold their conventions and meet-

ings; should engage competent speakers to explain modern needs and problems and should labor studiously to dispell the unjustified distrust, here and there apparent, of actively co-operating with civic and charitable movements, and especially the work of the Red Cross.

It is much to be desired that the religious celebration of the feast of St. Boniface should not be omitted this year. Now when our people are in need of comfort and strength and divine guidance it is surely right and just that we invoke the intercession of the apostle of our race. Solemn high mass, a sermon on the meaning of the patronage of St. Boniface, general holy communion of the various societies, should be included in every programme.



DR. FELIX GAUDIN,
Supreme President, C. K. of A.
RECENT DEATHS.

Valentine Humphreys, eighty-three years old, a retired grocer and one of the best known German residents of the East End, succumbed to the infirmities of age Tuesday night at his home, 764 Brent street. Deceased was a native of Prussia, but had lived here for over half a century. He was a member of the Catholic Knights of America, St. Joseph's Orphan Society and St. Martin's Men's Society. Surviving him are seven children, Benjamin, Frederick and Henry Humphreys, Mrs. Joseph Stengel, Mrs. Quinn had two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Lathwood, Mrs. George Keller and Miss Rosa Humphreys, and twenty-five grandchildren. Funeral services were held yesterday morning at St. Martin's church.

News of the death of Mrs. Mary Donahue following a stroke paralysis at Duncan, Ind., where she was visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Duncan, caused deep sorrow among her friends in Louisville. Mrs. Donahue, who was widely known and respected, she was the widow of James Donahue and was seventy-five years old. For years she had made her home in this city with her two sons, James and Edward Donahue, and two daughters, Mrs. John Riley and Mrs. Emma Donahue. Her body was brought to Jeffersonville and taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James McGinty, 318 Indiana avenue, the funeral taking place Tuesday afternoon from St. Augustine's church.

St. Patrick's parish mourns the death of another of its faithful members, Mrs. Catherine Quinn, widow of Peter Quinn, who passed away Tuesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Trice, 2011 Lytle street. Mrs. Quinn had been ill for four months, but had borne her suffering with the Christian fortitude that marked her life. Besides the daughter with whom she made her home she is survived by two sons, William and M. J. Quinn, and by another daughter, Mrs. Charles Bardsley, of Indianapolis. Funeral services were held Friday morning, Rev. Father Cronin celebrating the requiem high mass and in his sermon on life's uncertainty paying tribute to the deceased.

Mrs. Mary Hoffman Christ, aged fifty-seven, was released from earthly sufferings Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Rapier, 1210 Ray avenue. For three weeks she had been ill and on Saturday was stricken with paralysis. Mrs. Christ had led an exemplary life, was a generous giver to charity and was loved by a wide circle of acquaintances. She was the widow of George Christ, one of the proprietors of Christ's Brewery, of which his father, the late Michael Christ, was the founder. Her husband's death occurred three years ago. She is survived by three children, Marie, Fred Hinkelbein, Mrs. John Hanaford and Mrs. John Rapier; four grandchildren, two brothers, Lawrence and Joseph Hoffman, and two sisters, Mrs. Edward Baringer and Mrs. Frank Greenwald, the latter of Belleville, Ind. She was a member of St. Brigid's church, from where the funeral was held Wednesday morning.

KEEP BISHOP BUSY.

For the next six weeks the Right Rev. Dennis O'Donoghue, Bishop of Louisville, will be kept extremely busy administering the sacrament of confirmation throughout the diocese. The pastors are also busy preparing the children for their first communion and the Bishop's visitation. Already the Bishop has visited St. Helen's, St. Joseph's, St. Anthony's and St. Mary Magdalene's. Tomorrow there will be first communion and confirmation at St. Peter's. On June 2 there will be first communion at Holy Name church.

STANLEY

Designed By Friends to Open Fight On Haly-Beckham Plans.

Forward League Busy in Attempting to Secure Party Control.

Review of Haly-Beckham Influence in Eight Years of Local Politics.

ALWAYS FOUGHT ORGANIZATION

Democrats throughout Kentucky have their ear to the ground on the roads leading from Frankfort waiting to hear the broadcast from Gov. A. O. Stanley that he is expected to deliver or should deliver against the active machinations of the Haly-Beckham politicians, otherwise known as the Democratic Forward League. This latter bunch of prohibition reformers have been overly bold in their movements in attempted dictation of the Democratic party, serving notice that they will oppose this Representative or that Senator, and boldly attempting to select the Sheriff in every county, principally for control of the election machinery. At a recent meeting of the Forward League held at the home of Dr. A. J. Alexander, its President, Haly and our prohibition Senator were ably represented by Robert Phillips, a faithful Haly-Beckham follower and office-holder, and H. V. McChesney, the recent candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of the prohibition ticket, and whom it is rumored was elected by Haly in a dream, which dream later on was shattered by the voters. Col. Patrick H. Callahan, of this city, the reformer and rumored candidate for Senator on a dry platform, was present and can be counted on for a nice financial contribution to the Haly-Beckham fund. Of course it is understood that these prohibition reformers don't use money to purchase votes or corrupt the election, but it will be used to circulate picture buttons of William Grape Juice Bryan and stories of Beckham's long (?) fight for prohibition.

To the surprise of many, Gov. Stanley has done nothing thus far to circumvent the plans of the Haly-Beckhamites, his only public mention of their efforts being made at the St. Patrick's day banquet at the St. Augustine church, in which he told some mighty plain truths concerning the class of men who try to ride into office on the waves of fanatical prohibition. One of the Governor's closest friends told the writer that Stanley is only biding his time and this friend, who is a resident of Jeffersonville, is particularly attentive to the Sheriff's race, saying the original Haly-Beckham here, James B. Brown and Edward Humphrey, were the backers of McNally, candidate for Sheriff. This was commented upon by Tom Cromwell, of Lexington, the Cincinnati Enquirer last Sunday, and has been widely discussed here among Democrats. The consensus of opinion is that it would be political suicide for the Democratic party to select the representative of this prohibition faction, which has done everything to wreck the Democratic organization in Louisville, and it is charged and never denied that Haly worked and conspired to Axton's success four years ago against Mayor Buschmeyer and the Democratic ticket. Yet there are some advising Democrats to vote for McNally and give control of the election machinery to the Haly-Beckham machine for future purposes.

A little review of local Democratic history will show that the Haly-Beckham influence since it crept into local politics has come pretty near wrecking the organization. In 1909, headed by Col. John H. Whalen, Col. James P. Whalen and Col. Frank McGrath, the local Democratic party won a sterling victory against great odds, the entire city, county and Custom House machinery being against them, this victory uniting the party as it had never been in twenty years. Even as far back as that time the Haly-Beckham coterie in Louisville, headed by Dan O'Sullivan, fought the straight Democratic ticket. With McCreary's election in 1911 Haly came into power and saw to it that O'Sullivan and all friends got on the State payroll. Two years later that influence was against Mayor Buschmeyer and the Democratic ticket, and one year later, 1914, many Democrats here were bamboozled into supporting Beckham for Senator on the plea that he and Haly would drop their prohibition farce. Receiving the nomination through thousands of Democratic (?) votes from the mountains, Beckham was elected in November over ex-Gov. Wilson, principally through the big majority rolled up here in Louisville, and on election night the writer heard Beckham say, "I will never forget Louisville Democrats for what they did today." As many of us can testify, he never has, but not in the way expected, the following being a concrete example, bringing out McChesney to beat Lieut. Gov. McDermott for Governor, who was Louisville's overwhelming choice.

Thus it can be seen that in the past eight years the only split in

local Democracy has been caused by the Haly-Beckham politicians, many Stanley men having grown lukewarm in their support and McDermott men still disappointed, and new factions creeping up daily. Yet, strange to say, liquor men, wholesale and retail, office-holders and city employes are being asked to vote for a Haly-Beckham representative for Sheriff in a Democratic primary. Incidentally none of these office-holders and city employes would be on the payroll today if the Haly-Beckham plan had succeeded in defeating Mayor Head in 1909 and Mayor Buschmeyer in 1913, and if their programme for McChesney's election had been carried out none of the liquor men would be in business today.



CAPT. MICHAEL QUINN,
Supreme Trustee, C. K. of A.
FATHER FRANCIS FELTEN.

The Rev. Father Francis Felten, for the past eighteen years the faithful and zealous pastor of St. Augustine's church for colored people, was last Saturday appointed by Right Rev. Bishop O'Donoghue to succeed the late Rev. Louis C. Ohle as pastor of St. Martin's church, one of the largest German Catholic congregations in Kentucky. Father Felten has been a real shepherd to the colored people and endeared himself to his flock during the many years he has so well served them. Under his leadership they have built a beautiful new church and school and have succeeded in many social service enterprises. The parish band is known all over the city and is composed entirely of colored musicians. The announcement that he was to leave them, made by Father Felten Sunday morning, caused deep regret among his parishioners and brought tears to the eyes of many who were loath to part with him. Father Felten will celebrate his last mass at St. Augustine's tomorrow morning and preach his farewell sermon. On the following Sunday he will enter upon his duties as pastor of St. Martin's. Rev. Martin Frankenberg, who for a time was assistant at the Cathedral and since stationed at St. Martin's, has been named pastor at St. Augustine's, and will celebrate the high mass tomorrow morning. In him the colored people will find a worthy successor to Father Felten. To both the Kentucky Irish American extends best wishes and congratulations.

SUPREME OFFICERS COMING.

This coming Sunday should be a red letter day for the Catholic Knights social Club and the Catholic Knights of America, who will have upon the Supreme President Felix Gaudin, of New Orleans, and Supreme Trustee Michael Quinn, of Brooklyn. Upon their arrival Sunday morning they will be met by President Fleck, Gen. M. Reichert, Col. Joe McGinnis, Eugene McCarthy and others and taken in automobiles to mass and then to the Tyler Hotel, which will be headquarters during their visit. During the afternoon it is intended if possible to establish a ladies' branch of the order here, sufficient applications having been made to secure a charter. At night there will be a public meeting at St. Martin's Hall, Shelby and Gray, to which all Catholics are invited without any fee for admission. The Social Club has arranged a mercurious programme to be rendered in connection with the illustrated lecture of Dr. Gaudin, which will be one that all will appreciate. The subject of the lecture will be "The Founder of the Catholic Church and His Followers," and has been pronounced a gem. Dr. James A. Averdick, of Covington, writes that the lecture is the strongest sermon he ever heard preached and should be repeated wherever the Catholic Knights have a branch or where there is a house of God. None should miss this instructive and great treat, which will be enhanced by many beautiful views.

HONORED HOPKINS.

In appointing Hon. John P. Hopkins, former Mayor of Chicago, to membership on the War Defense Council of Illinois, Gov. Lowden has given marked recognition to the Irish-Americans of the Prairie State.

CENTENNIAL.

May 30 of this year will be the hundredth anniversary of the ordination of the first priest to reside in the diocese of Louisville in New England. He was the Rev. Denis Ryan, who spent a good portion of his priestly life on the Catholic missions in Maine, especially at Whitefield and Damariscotta.

WARNING.

What South Longford Sinn Fein Victory in Irish Election Means.

Official Nationalist Party Again Discredited by Stinging Defeat.

Any Partition Will Complicate Government's Settlement of Problem.

CABLES FROM THE LONDON TIMES

The recent elections in Ireland have created political consternation, as will be gleaned from the following London Times cablegrams to the American press:

Commenting on the Sinn Fein victory in South Longford the Times correspondent in Dublin says: "McGuinness, the successful candidate, is now in prison for his association with the Irish rebellion. The question whether he is a felon or a misdemeanant, on which the validity of the election seems to hang, is one for the Parliamentary jurist. The fact of immediate importance is that the Nationalist party in one of the most critical moments of its career has suffered. The Nationalist party can no longer regard as secure any seat in the three southern provinces of Ireland. It is another warning that no settlement can be based on a temporary or permanent partition, and complicates the Government's problem, for it discredits still further the official Nationalist party, and will increase the fears and suspicions of the Unionists of Ulster. To all Irishmen a settlement today seems more remote than ever. The result in South Longford is a new assurance of the danger of county option. It is clear that at least two Nationalist counties would be able if they chose to vote themselves out of home rule under such a scheme. The possibility will not be disregarded by any body who appreciates the mischievous and irresponsible temper which prevails in Nationalist Ireland at the present time."

The Times correspondent at Belfast wires: Ulster Unionists are wondering what effect the result will have upon the Government's home rule proposals taken in conjunction with the Irish Bishops' manifesto. Archbishop Walsh's letter against partition is clear, and the prospect of an agreed settlement received a setback. In view of these recent events Ulster is more determined than ever not to submit to a Parliament in Dublin, which it is now manifest would be dominated by the most extreme and disloyal element of Irish politics, the section which would have no connection not only with Great Britain but the British Empire, whose only ideal is complete isolation as a small republic.

The Times says editorially: "The result therefore still further endorses the obvious truth that the Irish must find their own solution in Ireland, and not at Westminster. The immediate task of the British Government is to lay down the limitations of the Irish constitution within the empire and safeguard the Irish minority. For the rest, make Irishmen themselves responsible for framing their own form of local self-government."

Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons on Tuesday that Premier Lloyd George would make a communication to the Irish leaders on the Irish question which would be in their hands by tomorrow. The Government, he added, was prepared to allot Monday for discussion of the question day for discussion of the question.

Joseph Devlin, member of the House for the Western division of Belfast, asked: "What is the meaning of this tricky method whereby the all-important matter will be communicated to the leaders of the Irish party instead of to the House of Commons?"

Mr. Law replied that he did not think the charge of trickiness was justified. The Premier, he said, would send in advance to the leaders of the Irish parties the proposals which the Government had in view. It would not be a disadvantage either to the subject itself or to the House that before the discussion took place some idea of the Government's proposals should be known to the leaders.

John Dillon charged the Government with abandoning and breaking its promise to make the statement to the House. Mr. Law denied this. He said it would not be the best method simply to announce the proposals to the House before the party leaders had an opportunity of judging them. The Government, he continued, had said it would do its best to effect a settlement and it will not do that. Whatever view was taken regarding the Government's proposals by the Irish leaders the Government statement would be made in the House of Commons on Monday.

John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists in the House of Commons, on Thursday rejected the proposal of Premier Lloyd George for a settlement of the home rule question, but accepted the proposal for the immediate calling of a convention to decide on a government for Ireland.